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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1700
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Confirmation No.: 2833

Toshimasa KUMAKI, *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1793

Application No. 10/587,656

Examiner: Roe, Jesse Randall

Filed: July 28, 2006

Atty. Docket No.: 065341.00011

For: FE BASE ALLOY HAVING LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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July 17, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 10.